

Hortensia - a simple cardigan



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Hortensia was originally designed to be the perfect cardigan for travelling. It's a very light cardigan that easily fits in the suitcase but is still warm enough to keep you comfortable during the flight and on chilly evenings while away. Hortensia is a simple garter stitch cardigan with short rows worked on the yoke and light waist shaping for a flattering, comfortable fit.

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Materials

150 (200) 200 (250) 250 (300) 350 g of New Zealand lammeuld by Filcolana

75 (80) 100 (125) 125 (125) 150 g of Tilia by Filcolana

5 mm circular needle, 80 cm long

4 mm circular needle, 60 or 80 cm long

Stitch markers in 2 colors (either loops of scrap yarn or "real" stitch markers):

4 blue markers

2 green markers

3 buttons

Green version (photos on this page)

Saga in colour 124 (Reseda)

Tilia in colour 327 (Sage)

Grey version (photos on page 2 and 3)

Saga in colour 951 (Light Grey melange)

Tilia in colour 319 (Blue Violet)

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 82 (90) 98 (106) 116 (126) 136 cm

Cardigan, chest: 86 (94) 102 (114) 125 (136) 147 cm





Sleeve length: 44 (45) 45 (46) 46 (48) 48 cm
 Total length: 56 (57) 57 (59) 58 (60) 60 cm

Gauge

16 sts and 28 rows (14 garter ridges) in garter stitch on 5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm med with one strand of each yarn held together.

For an accurate gauge it is important to gently rinse your swatch and let it dry completely (after pressing out as water as possible and laying it on a flat surface) before measuring it. The knitting will "relax" quite a bit when being washed and the gauge will change noticeably.

Special abbreviations

Sl1: Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in back
M1 (increase): Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.

Skp (decrease): Slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.

GM: green marker

BM: blue marker

Backward yo: Backward yarn over (Used for the short rows turns: When the work has been turned, bring the yarn between the needles and to the back of the work, then over and around the right needle and

back behind the work. This creates something like an "extra stitch", which sits closely to the next stitch you work on the needle. Later the extra stitch is knit together with the next stitch on the needle - not the stitch it sits close to, but the one on its opposite side. This holds the two stitches on either side of the turn together, eliminating the hole there would otherwise be.

Please note: The backward yarn overs are NOT counted as part of the pattern.

Directions for knitting

Hortensia is a simple raglan cardigan, worked from the top down. It is worked back and forth holding one strand of each yarn together throughout. The yoke has short row shaping for a better fit. The increases are counted from the placement of the stitch markers, which are placed as illustrated in the opposite column on this page. When the yoke has been worked, the sleeve stitches are set aside and the body is knit. Finally the sleeves are knit.

Yoke

Cast on 76 (80) 84 (84) 88 (92) 96 sts on a 4 mm circular needle.

Row 1 (WS): Sl3, knit to the last 3 sts, sl3.

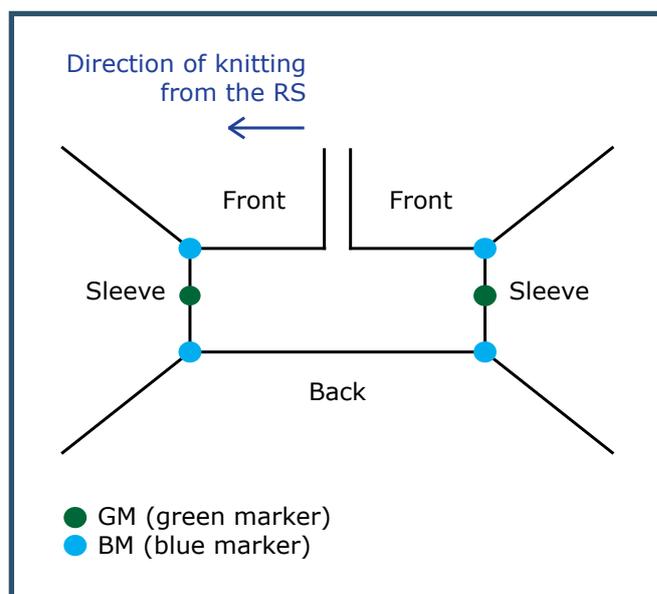
Row 2 (RS): Knit all sts.

Repeat these 2 rows once more.

Place markers on the next row (WS): Sl3, knit 18 (19) 20 (20) 22 (23) 24 sts, place BM (raglan marker), knit 2 (2) 3 (3) 2 (2) 2 sts, place GM (short row marker), knit 3 (3) 3 (3) 2 (2) 2 sts, place BM, knit 24 (26) 26 (26) 30 (32) 34 sts, place BM, knit 3 (3) 3 (3) 2 (2) 2 sts, place GM, knit 2 (2) 3 (3) 2 (2) 2 sts, place BM, knit to the last 3 sts, sl3.

Change to a 5 mm circular needle. Work Row A:

Row A (RS): *Knit to 1 stitch before BM, M1, k2, M1*. Repeat from * to * another 3 times, knit to end of row. (There are now 7 (7) 8 (8) 6 (6) 6 sts on each



sleeve, 22 (23) 24 (24) 26 (27) 28 sts on each front and 26 (28) 28 (28) 32 (34) 36 sts on the back).

Work Row B:

Row B (WS): sl3, knit to the last 3 sts, sl3.

Work Row C:

Row C (short rows): *Knit to 1 stitch before BM, M1, k2, M1*. Repeat from * to * another 2 times, knit to 2 sts before GM, turn, backward yo, knit to 2 sts before GM, turn, backward yo, **Knit to 1 stitch before next BM, M1, k2, M1**. Repeat from ** to ** another 2 times (when you reach the backward yo, knit the yo together with the next stitch), knit to end of row. (There are now 10 (10) 11 (11) 9 (9) 9 sts on each sleeve, 23 (24) 25 (25) 27 (28) 29 sts on each front and 30 (32) 32 (32) 36 (38) 40 sts on the back). Work 1 Row B (remembering to knit the backward yos together with the next stitch).

Work 1 buttonhole row:

Buttonhole row: *Knit to 1 stitch before next BM, M1, k2, M1*. Repeat from * to * another 3 times, knit to the last 6 sts, k2tog, yo, k4.

Work Row B (knit the yo). work 2 more buttonholes, each after another 11 (11) 12 (13) 13 (14) 14 garter ridges (counted on the front).

Work Row A and B another 2 times.

(There are now 16 (16) 17 (17) 15 (15) 15 sts on each sleeve, 26 (27) 28 (28) 30 (31) 32 sts on each front and 36 (38) 38 (38) 42 (44) 46 sts on the back)

Row D (short rows): Work as Row C, but turn 1 stitch AFTER GM.

Work 1 Row B (remembering to knit the backward yos together with the next stitch).



Work 1 Row A and 1 Row B. Repeat from * to * another 2 times.

Row E (short rows): Work as Row C, but turn 5 sts AFTER GM.

Work 1 Row B (remembering to knit the backward yos together with the next stitch).

Size XS (S): Remove the GMs on the next row.

Work 1 Row A and 1 Row B. Repeat from * to * another 2 times.

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Row F (short rows): Work as Row C, but turn 5 sts AFTER GM.

Work 1 Row B (remembering to knit the backward yos together with the next stitch).

Remove the GMs on the next row.

Work 1 Row A and 1 Row B. Repeat from * to * another 2 times.

All sizes:

Row G (short rows): *Knit to 1 stitch before next BM, M1, k2, M1*. Repeat from * to * another 3 times, knit to 4 sts AFTER BM (incl the increases just worked), turn, backward yo, knit to 4 sts AFTER the last BM, turn, backward yo, **Knit to 1 stitch before next BM, M1, k2, M1 **. Repeat from ** to ** another 3 times (remembering to knit the backward yo together with the next stitch), knit to end of row.

Work 1 Row B (remembering to knit the backward yos together with the next stitch).

Continue alternately working 1 Row A and 1 Row B until you have worked a total of 16 (19) 20 (23) 26 (29) 32 increases between each front and sleeve.

(There are now 40 (46) 50 (56) 60 (66) 72 sts on each sleeve, 37 (41) 43 (46) 51 (55) 59 sts on each front and 62 (70) 74 (80) 90 (98) 106 sts on the back).

Work another 4 (2) 2 (1) 0 (0) 0 garter ridges straight, but remember to sl3 at the beginning and end of every WS row.

Body

Split the sts into sleeves and body and move and remove marker:

*Knit to BM, remove BM, let the sleeve sts rest on a circular needle or on a length of scrap yarn, remove the second BM, cast on 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, place GM (which now marks the side seam on the body), cast on another 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 new sts, Knit to next BM, remove BM, let the sts for the second sleeve rest on a circular needle or on a length of scrap yarn, remove the last BM, cast on 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, place GM (which now marks the side seam on the body), cast on another 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 new sts, knit to end of row. (There are now 152 (168) 180 (192) 212 (232) 248 sts on the needle).

Work Row H:

Row H (WS): Sl3, Knit to 1 stitch before first GM, sl2, knit to 1 stitch before the next GM, sl2, knit to the last 3 sts, sl3.

*Work Row I:

Row I (RS): Knit all sts.

Work 1 Row H*. Repeat from * to * another 5 times.

Work Row J:

Row J (RS): *Knit to 7 sts before next GM, skp, Knit to 5 sts after GM, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * once more, knit to end of row.

Work 1 Row H.

**Work Row I and H another 6 (6) 7 (7) 6 (6) 6 times.

Work Row J and H once more.**

Repeat from ** to ** once more (There are now 140 (156) 168 (180) 200 (220) 236 sts on the needle)

Work Row I and H another 16 (16) 13 (13) 12 (12) 10 times.

Work Row K:

Row K (RS): *Knit to 7 sts before next GM, M1, Knit to 7 sts after GM, M1*. Repeat from * to * once more, knit to end of row.

Work 1 Row H.

*Work Row I and H another 7 times.

Work Row K and H another 1 time*

Repeat from * to * once more (There are now once more 152 (168) 180 (192) 212 (232) 248 sts on the needle).

Work Row I and H another 3 times.

Finish the two fronts and the back separately.

Left front

Change to a 4 mm circular needle.

Knit to the first GM. Remove GM. Cast on 2 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle.

Work Row B.

Work Row I and B another 2 times. Bind off the sts.

Back

work across the back sts (on a 5 mm circular needle).

Cast on 2 new sts, knit to GM, remove GM, cast on 2 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle.

Work Row B.

Work Row I and B another 6 times.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle.

Work Row I and B another 3 times. Bind off the sts.

Right front

Continue using a 4 mm circular needle.

Cast on 2 new sts, knit to end of row.

Work Row B.

Work Row I and B another 2 times. Bind off the sts.

Sleeves

Place the sts for one sleeve on a 5 mm circular needle: Cast on 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 new sts, knit across the sleeve sts, cast on 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle.

(There are now 48 (54) 60 (66) 70 (78) 84 sts on the needle)

Work 1 Row L.

Row L: Knit all sts.

Knit another 8 (6) 6 (5) 4 (4) 4 garter ridges.

***Row M (RS):** K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, skp, k1.

Work 1 Row L.

Knit another 8 (6) 6 (5) 4 (4) 4 garter ridges.*

Repeat from * to * until there are 36 (38) 42 (46) 48 (54) 60 sts left on the needle.

Work straight in garter stitch until a total of 60 (60)

60 (62) 62 (64) 64 garter ridges have been worked

since the newly cast on sts at the armhole.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle. Knit another 3 garter ridges. Bind off the sts.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Sew the sleeve seams and the holes under the sleeves. Sew in the buttons. Weave in the ends.